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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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### OHIO CROP WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 69.8 degrees, 4.8 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, September 18, 2005. Precipitation averaged 0.86 inches, 0.01 inches below normal. There were 122 modified growing degree days during the week, which is 12 degree days above normal for this week.

Reporters rated 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, September 16, 2005. Days suitable for field work were down 0.1 days from last week, but up 1.2 days from last year. Compared to the 2000-2004 average, the current week is up 0.8 days. Topsoil moisture was rated 12 percent very short, 37 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

#### Days Suitable

|                   | Current week | Previous week | Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2005              | 6.4          | 6.5           | 125.0                               |
| 2004              | 5.2          | 4.0           | 101.8                               |
| 2000-2004 Average | 5.6          | 5.0           | 103.4                               |

#### Topsoil Moisture

|                     | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------------------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Current Week        | 12         | 37    | 49       | 2       |
| Last Week           | 11         | 27    | 60       | 2       |
| Same Week Last Year | 0          | 6     | 71       | 23      |
| 2000-2004 Average   | 17         | 14    | 60       | 10      |

### CROP PROGRESS AND FIELD ACTIVITIES WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2005

Reporters estimate that 73 percent of **soybeans** are dropping leaves, which is 7 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the five-year average. Soybeans mature is at 23 percent, which is 1 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the five-year average. Five percent of the soybeans are harvested which is 2 days behind last year, but 2 days ahead of the five-year average. Reporters estimate that 96 percent of the **corn** is at the dented stage, which is 8 days ahead of last year and 12 days ahead of the five-year average. Corn

mature is at 34 percent, 2 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the five-year average. Corn harvested for grain is at 1 percent, this is identical to last year and the five-year average. Corn silage harvested is at 72 percent, which is 9 days ahead of last year and the five-year average. **Winter wheat** is 2 percent planted, which is 4 days ahead of last year and the five-year average. Seventeen percent of fall and winter **apples** are reported as harvested, which is 5 days behind last year and 7 days behind the five-year average. **Potatoes** are 56 percent harvested, which is more than 2 weeks behind last year and 13 days behind the five-year average. **Cucumbers** are 95 percent harvested which is 8 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the five-year average. **Processing tomatoes** are 78 percent harvested, which is 15 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the five-year average. **Grapes** are 34 percent harvested which is 4 days ahead of last year, but 1 day behind the five-year average.

Crop weather reporters estimate that the third **alfalfa hay** cutting is 95 percent complete; this is 8 days ahead of last year, and 5 days ahead of the five-year average. The fourth alfalfa hay cutting is 44 percent complete, which is 9 days ahead of last year, and 4 days ahead of the five-year average. The third cutting of **other hay** is estimated to be 76 percent harvested which is 13 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the five-year average.

The soybean harvest has begun. Reporters in the Northwest region report small beans in the pods are being harvested. Squash and pumpkin vine crops in the North Central region are rotting in the fields, most likely caused by excessive moisture coupled with high temperatures early in the season. Farm activities for the week include: fall plowing and cutting, preparing for and harvesting corn, preparing and planting winter wheat, chopping silage, and baling and making hay.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

The percentage of hay acreage rated in good-to-excellent condition is 43 percent which is identical to last week. Thirty-two percent of pasture conditions are rated good-to-excellent, up 1 percentage point from last week. Corn is reported at 43 percent in good-to-excellent condition, a decrease of 3 percentage points from last week. Soybean acreage is rated at 54 percent good-to-excellent condition, down 3 percentage points from last week. Livestock look good but pastures are declining rapidly due to lack of rain.

### PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18

| Crop                                | 2005 | 2004 | 2000-2004 Avg | Previous Week Ohio | U.S. |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|---------------|--------------------|------|
| Alfalfa Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting | 95   | 88   | 91            | 85                 | NA   |
| Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting | 44   | 28   | 38            | 30                 | NA   |
| Apples Harvested (Fall & Winter)    | 17   | 25   | 26            | 9                  | NA   |
| Corn Dented                         | 96   | 89   | 85            | 83                 | 89   |
| Corn Mature                         | 34   | 29   | 26            | 14                 | 36   |
| Corn Harvested for grain            | 1    | 1    | 1             | NA                 | 6    |
| Corn Silage Harvested               | 72   | 46   | 50            | 43                 | NA   |
| Cucumbers Harvested                 | 95   | 85   | 91            | 77                 | NA   |
| Grapes Harvested                    | 34   | 30   | 35            | 12                 | NA   |
| Other Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting   | 76   | 63   | 69            | 65                 | NA   |
| Potatoes Harvested                  | 56   | 87   | 76            | 49                 | NA   |
| Soybeans Dropping Leaves            | 73   | 55   | 57            | 37                 | 37   |
| Soybeans Mature                     | 23   | 21   | 19            | 4                  | NA   |
| Soybeans Harvested                  | 5    | 5    | 3             | NA                 | NA   |
| Processing Tomatoes                 | 78   | 69   | 68            | 73                 | NA   |
| Winter Wheat Planted                | 2    | 0    | 1             | NA                 | 12   |

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 18

|               |           |      |      |      |           |
|---------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| CORN          | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Current Week  | 6         | 15   | 36   | 36   | 7         |
| Previous Week | 6         | 13   | 35   | 38   | 8         |
| Previous Year | 3         | 9    | 26   | 44   | 18        |
| HAY           | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Current Week  | 5         | 16   | 36   | 37   | 6         |
| Previous Week | 8         | 16   | 33   | 37   | 6         |
| Previous Year | 4         | 11   | 26   | 47   | 12        |
| PASTURE       | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Current Week  | 12        | 18   | 38   | 29   | 3         |
| Previous Week | 13        | 19   | 37   | 28   | 3         |
| Previous Year | 2         | 5    | 28   | 51   | 14        |
| SOYBEANS      | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Current Week  | 3         | 11   | 32   | 43   | 11        |
| Previous Week | 3         | 10   | 30   | 47   | 10        |
| Previous Year | 4         | 11   | 28   | 42   | 15        |

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18

|                 | Temperature |      | Precipitation |       |             |       | Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup> |      |             |      |
|-----------------|-------------|------|---------------|-------|-------------|-------|-----------------------------------|------|-------------|------|
| Region          | Last Week   | Dev. | Last Week     | Dev.  | Since Apr.1 | Dev.  | Last Week                         | Dev. | Since Apr.1 | Dev. |
| Northwest       | 67.9        | 3.7  | 1.29          | 0.52  | 16.36       | -3.39 | 120                               | 16   | 2986        | 244  |
| North Central   | 68.7        | 4.3  | 1.19          | 0.28  | 20.96       | 0.63  | 114                               | 9    | 2933        | 232  |
| Northeast       | 69.2        | 6.1  | 0.59          | -0.57 | 20.63       | -0.56 | 117                               | 19   | 2806        | 261  |
| West Central    | 69.7        | 4.5  | 1.96          | 1.17  | 19.35       | -1.89 | 119                               | 9    | 3056        | 202  |
| Central         | 70.4        | 5.0  | 0.89          | 0.04  | 19.06       | -2.51 | 125                               | 13   | 3088        | 208  |
| Central Hills   | 69.0        | 5.0  | 0.80          | -0.12 | 20.56       | -1.07 | 115                               | 11   | 2925        | 248  |
| Northeast Hills | 69.8        | 5.5  | 0.50          | -0.44 | 19.60       | -1.83 | 120                               | 15   | 2887        | 173  |
| Southwest       | 70.8        | 4.4  | 0.81          | 0.02  | 18.66       | -3.71 | 126                               | 9    | 3166        | 159  |
| South Central   | 71.5        | 4.8  | 0.29          | -0.50 | 18.81       | -2.40 | 129                               | 8    | 3235        | 193  |
| Southeast       | 70.6        | 5.2  | 0.36          | -0.51 | 18.70       | -2.82 | 124                               | 12   | 3062        | 194  |
| STATE           | 69.8        | 4.8  | 0.86          | -0.01 | 19.10       | -2.13 | 122                               | 12   | 3026        | 210  |

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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